दिसम्बर, 1983 में व्यापक योजना को अधिसूचित किया गया था जिसको इस समय कार्यान्वित किया जा रहा है।

Identification of Agro Climatic Zones

2735. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the agro-climatic zones in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a need to adopt strategy for agricultural production agro-climatic zone-wise:

(d) if so, the steps going to be taken by Government in that regard during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(e) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV: (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. For the purposes of Agricultural planning, the country has been delineated into 15 Agro—climatic Zones which are as follows:

1. Western Himalayan Region.
2. Eastern Himalayan Region.
3. Lower Gangetic Plain Region.
4. Middle Gangetic Plain Region.
5. Upper Gangetic Plain Region.
6. Trans—Genetic Plain Region.
7. Eastern-Plateau and Hills Region.
8. Central Plateau and Hills Region.
9. Western Plateau and Hill Region.
10. Southern Plateau and Hills Region.
11. East Coast Plains and Hills Region.
12. West Coast Plain and Ghats Region.
13. Gujarat Plain and Hills Region.
14. Western Dry Region.
15. Island Region.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The details are as follows:

(i) A Project on Agricultural Planning based on Agroclimatic Regions for the formulation of 8th Plan has been taken up by the Planning Commission.

(ii) Planning teams have been set up for each of the 15 identified agro-climatic regions by the Planning Commission, which is being guided by the High Powered Centre Committee under the Chairmanship of Member Agriculture Planning Commission.

(iii) A Central Project Cell has been set up to provide technical back-up to 15 Regional Planning Teams by the Planning Commission.

(iv) For ensuring proper linkages between the work of various Zonal Planning Teams, a Liaison Group has also been set up in the Planning Commission.

Demand of some Commonly used Steel Items

2736. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a wide gap between the supply and domestic demand of some commonly used steel items;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce a new scheme to be run on a no-profit no-loss basis to meet the entire demand of commonly used items of steel; and

(d) if so, whether that scheme has been launched?